

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-4, 10, 20-21, 25-27, 29-30 and 34-36 have been amended. Claim 5-8, 11-19, 22-24, 28, 31-33 and 37-38 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 9-10, 20-21, 25-27, 29-30 and 34-36 are presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action, mailed October 6, 2006, and the Advisory Action, mailed December 26, 2006.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 9-10, 20-21, 25-27, 29-30 and 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Although claim 1 has been amended, support for the previous claim language may be found at page 4, line 13–page 5, line 7 of the Specification. Specifically, the Specification states that “the access device 12 is in the form of a personal computer (PC) 18.” (Specification at page 4, ll. 13-14) Further, the Specification recites that “[a]lthough the access device in the example depicted in the drawings in the form of a PC 18, it is to be appreciated that the access device may take on various other forms e.g., the access device may be personal digital assistant (PDA) or any other electronic hardware that typically provides a visual and/or audio output to a user.” (Specification at page 4, 19–page 5, line 3) Furthermore, support for new amendments proposed to claim 1 in this preliminary amendment are found throughout the Specification and particularly, in Figures 1, 3 and 4 and in the relevant description on pages 4-5 and 7-11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 10 has been amended thus obviating this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 9-10, 20-21, 25-27, 29-30 and 34-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Lehman, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,292,186 (“Lehman”).

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A system comprising:
a plurality of access devices; and
a portable device in wireless communication with the plurality of access devices, the portable device to
select a first access device from the plurality of access devices to be emulated at the portable device when the portable device is within a first wireless communication range of the first access device,
emulate the first access device, the emulating of the first access device including emulating data as displayed on the access device,
select a second access device from the plurality of access devices when the portable device is within a second wireless communication range of the second access device, and
emulate the second access device, the emulating of the second access device including seamlessly continuing to emulate the data as displayed on the second access device and previously being displayed on the first access device.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that Lehman discloses that “MoDAL language permits the rapid development, rendering, and *modification of graphics user interfaces (GUI), such that plural GUI instantiations of a widely used software applications can be respectively tailored to suit the needs of particular users, e.g., physically challenged users.*” (col. 3, ll. 53-58; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites “select a first access device from the plurality of access devices to be emulated at the portable device when the portable device

is within a first wireless communication range of the first access device, emulate the first access device, the emulating of the first access device including emulating data as displayed on the access device, select a second access device from the plurality of access devices when the portable device is within a second wireless communication range of the second access device, and emulate the second access device, the emulating of the second access device including seamlessly continuing to emulate the data as displayed on the second access device and previously being displayed on the first access device.”

(emphasis provided). Lehman does not teach or reasonably suggest at least these features of claim 1.

Furthermore, Lehman’s witching between applications such as a calculator or clock is not emulation. Emulation is not simply executing an application as in Lehman. For example, the Specification at page 4 provides an example of emulation as substantially resembling and simulating a physical appearance. In addition, Lehman discloses modifying GUIs of various applications for physically challenged users (presumably visually challenged users). Applicants submit that modifying GUIs for applications is not emulating an access device, as in claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

Claims 20 and 29 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20 and 29 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$120.00 is included for this purpose.

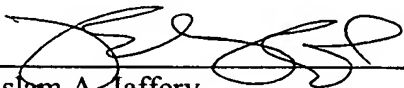
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Respectfully submitted,

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